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SUBJECT: AWARD FOR MG DALLAIRE CANADIAN ARMED FORCES
FORCE COMMANDER UNAMIR (U)

1. AMBASSADOR RAWSON WANTS TO KNOW THE STATUS OF AN
EARLIER-PROPOSED US AWARD FOR MG DALLAIRE, CANADIAN
ARMED FORCES, FOR HIS ROLE AS THE UNAMIR FORCE
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COMMANDER. IT WAS THE AMBASSADOR'S LAST UNDERSTANDING
THAT THE PROPOSED AWARD HAD BEEN PASSED ON TO OSD BUT HE
HAS LOST TRACK OF ITS PROGRESS.

2. AMBASSADOR RAWSON, SOMETIME AGO, RECOMMENDED TO
USEUCOM THAT THE US GOVERNMENT THOROUGH DOD HONOR MG
ROMEO DALLAIRE FOR HIS PEACE KEEPING EFFORTS WHICH
REQUIRED SAVING LIVES, HEROISM AND MANAGING OF UN TROOPS
IN THE DIRE CIRCUMSTANCES OF RWANDA'S CIVIL WAR. THE

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AMBASSADOR THOUGHT THIS WAS ALREADY FORWARDED BUT IN CASE ADDITIONAL IDEAS FOR THE RECOMMENDATION ARE NEEDED, HERE ARE A FEW:

-- MG DALLAIRE EFFECTIVELY IMPLEMENTED THE MILITARY SIDE OF ARUSHA PEACE ACCORDS EVEN THOUGH THE POLITICAL SIDE NEVER CAME TOGETHER.

-- MG DALLAIRE WAS ESPECIALLY HELPFUL TO THE US COMMUNITY IN ITS EFFORTS TO EVACUATE FROM KIGALI. WHILE UNAMIR FORCES WERE NEUTRALIZED, MG DALLAIRE WAS ALL OVER THE TOWN DOING EVERYTHING HE COULD TO HELP US CITIZENS GET OUT SAFELY AND INTERVENING WITH CONTENDING FORCES ON OUR BEHALF. HIS ASSISTANCE WAS CRITICAL TO THE SAFE EVACUATION OF ALL AMERICANS.

-- FOLLOWING THE OUTBREAK OF CONFLICT AND WITH UNAMIR FORCES HAVING NEITHER THE MANDATE, NOR THE EQUIPMENT TO DEFEND THEMSELVES, MG DALLAIRE BRILLIANTLY MANAGED THE WITHDRAWAL TO KIGALI AND DRAWDOWN TO A SUSTAINABLE LEVEL.

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-- DURING THE CONFLICT, MG DALLAIRE PUSHED FORWARD INCESSANTLY A PROPOSED CEASEFIRE AND SECURED AGREEMENT TO THE PROPOSAL AT THE COMMAND LEVELS, EVEN THOUGH THE POLITICAL LEVEL NEVER AGREED TO STOP FIGHTING.

-- IN SPITE OF THE LACK OF A GENERAL CEASE FIRE, MG DALLAIRE PATIENTLY WORKED OUT AGREEMENTS WHICH ALLOWED A VULNERABLE POPULATION TO REACH PLACES OF REFUGE. HE FURTHER SAW TO IT THAT UN TROOPS PROVIDED CRITICAL SERVICES TO THOSE PLACES OF REFUGE. IN DOING SO, MG DALLAIRE AND HIS MEN SAVED LITERALLY THOUSANDS OF LIVES IN THE KIGALI AREA. MG DALLAIRE DISPLAYED GREAT PERSONAL BRAVERY BEFORE AND DURING THE WAR. HE NEVER SOUGHT COVER WHEN INCIDENTS OCCURRED AND WAS ALWAYS HELPING TO RESCUE HIS TROOPS FROM DAMAGED VEHICLES.

-- FOR HIS COURAGE AND EXEMPLARY LEADERSHIP, FOR HIS SKILL IN NEGOTIATING WITH UN FORCES IN THE MOST DIFFICULT CIRCUMSTANCES, FOR THE DETERMINATION TO SAVE LIVES WHERE HE COULD, AND FOR HIS SPECIAL HELP TO THE

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AMERICAN COMMUNITY IN ITS EVACUATION OF KIGALI, MG
DALLAIRE DESERVES THE THANKS OF THE AMERICAN NATION.

3. AMBASSADOR RAWSON FEELS AS WE ARE SURE YOU DO THAT
THE USG CLEARLY OWES A DEBT OF GRATITUDE TO MG DALLAIRE
FOR HIS ACTIONS AS THE UNAMIR FORCE COMMANDER IN THE
TRAUMATIC EVENTS OF APRIL TO AUGUST 1994. HE HAS
CONTINUED TO ASSIST THE USG WITH SAGE ADVICE CONCERNING
THE RWANDAN CRISIS.

4. AMBASSADOR RAWSON HOPES THAT AN APPROPRIATE AWARD
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CAN BE DESIGNATED FOR GENERAL DALLAIRE. AMBASSADOR
RAWSON WANTS TO MAKE SURE THIS AWARD DOES NOT GET LOST
IN THE SHUFFLE OF PAPER WE ALL DEAL WITH. POCS AT THIS
STATION ARE CHARGE BOB WHITEHEAD AND ACTING DEFENSE
ATTACHE LTC TOM ODOM. INMARSAT NUMBER IS 00 873 150
7503 OR 7505. THANKS IN ADVANCE.
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